GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to Maharashtra State under the Mid- Day Meal Scheme during the year 2006-2007 and in the current year alongwith the number of children covered thereby;

(b) the amount utilised by the State Governments indicating the reasons for under utilisation;

(c) whether additional number of children are likely to be covered during 2007-08; and

(d) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) : Funds released and children covered under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Maharashtra during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as under: -

Year	Number of children covered	Funds released including payment made to FCI (Rs. in lakhs)
2006-07	81,47,690 (Primary)	45,328.13
2007-08 (as on	85,92,257 (Primary- 81,87,366 and Upper Primary - 4,04,891)	73.08) 32,995.85

(b): The State Government had reported an unspent balance of Rs. 3240.55 lakh as on 31.3.2007 from the Central Assistance released during 2006-07. Out of the unspent balance of Rs. 3240.55 lakh, Rs. 2113.95 lakh (recurring grant) was adjusted from the grants released during 2007-08. The unspent balance of Rs. 1126.60 lakh (non-recurring grant) released for procurement of kitchen devices etc. has been allowed to be carried forward for utilisation during current year, for the same purpose.

(c) and (d): With effect from 1.10.2007, the scheme has been extended to children studying in upper primary (Classes VI − VIII) in 43 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in Maharashtra covering 4,04,891 additional children.